

Lieutenant Governor

## State of Utah

#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER
Executive Director

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA

Division Director

May 1, 2014

Certified Return Receipt 7011 2970 0001 8828 9753

Michele D. Lacrosse Lexon Insurance Company 10607 North Hayden Road, Suite F-101 Scottsdale, Arizona 85260

Subject: Authorization for Full Release of Reclamation Surety Bond # Bryce

Christensen Excavating, Rhyolite #1 Mine, S/021/0032, Iron County, Utah

Dear Ms. Lacrosse:

Lexon Insurance Company is presently holding surety bond # for the benefit of the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, as a form of reclamation surety for Bryce Christensen Excavating 's Rhyolite #1 Mine. This surety has now been replaced with another acceptable form and amount of surety. Therefore, this letter authorizes the full release of this surety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dana Dean at 801-538-5320, or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

John R. Baza

Director

JRB:lk:pb

Enclosure: Original bond

Bryce Christensen, Operator

Opie Abeyta, BLM SO (oabeyta@blm.gov)



### **GENERAL PURPOSE RIDER**

To be attached and form part of Bond Number			effective July	effective July 6, 2011	
	Lexon Insurance Company				
In the amount of	Sixteen Thou	sand Dollars and No/10	0		
On behalf of	Bryce Christensen Excavati	ng, Inc.		as Principal	
and in favor of St	ate of Utah Department o	f Natural Resources I	Division of Oil, Gas and	Mining as Obligee	
Now, Therefore, i	t is agreed that:				
The Bond Penalty	has increased to: \$20,300.00	Twenty Thousand Thre	e Hundred Dollars and No	/100 5 Year Escalation	
It is further under unchanged.	stood and agreed that a	all other terms and o	onditions of this bond	shall remain	
This rider is to be	effective the 6th	day of	, 2013		
Signed, sealed ar	nd dated this	day of	, 2013	<u> </u>	
		L	exon Insurance Company	(Surety)	
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By: Dune	o Ch	Ву. М.	hacrosse		
Bryce Christens	en Excavating, Inc.	Miche	ele Lacrosse Attorne	ey-in Fact	
Accepted by:					

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#### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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# Lexon Insurance Company

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond.

This authority is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Board of Directors of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY** on the 1st day of July, 2003 as follows:

Resolved, that the President of the Company is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company or other person or persons as Attorney-In-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, Two-million five hundred thousand dollars, which the Company might execute through its duly elected officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-In-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-In-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the signature of the President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond of undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY** has caused this instrument to be signed by its President, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 21st day of September, 2009.



LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY

David E. Campbell

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

On this 21st day of September, 2009, before me, personally came David E. Campbell to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he is the President of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-laws of said corporation.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
MAUREEN K. AYE
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 09/21/13

TEXAS INSURANCE COMPANY CERTIFICATE

Maureen K. Aye

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, A Texas Insurance Company, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Day of

Signed and Sealed at Woodridge, Illinois this

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Philip G. Lauer assistant Secretary

"WARNING: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties."

FORM MR-SUR

May 24, 2006

Bond Number	
Surety NAIC No	0. 13307
Permit Number	S/021/0032
Mine Name	Rhyolite Beryl Pit #1

#### ATTACHMENT A

To RECLAMATION CONTRACT

BETWEEN PRINCIPAL AND DIVISION

STATE OF UTAH

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

1594 West North Temple Suite 1210

Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 Telephone: (801) 538-5291

Fax: (801) 359-3940

#### THE UTAH MINED LAND RECLAMATION ACT

### SURETY BOND

The undersigned Bryce	Christensen Excavating, Inc.	, as Principal,
a Corporation	organized under the laws	s of the State of Utah and
Lexon Insurance Company	, as Surety,	a Limited Liability Corporation
	cutors, successors, and assigns, jo	by jointly and severally bind ourselves, bintly and severally, unto the State of
(other agency, if any) in the p	enal sum of Sixteen Thousand and no/1	100s
dollars (\$ 16,000.00		
and conditions of the Reclama affected by mining operations applicable, by the Division on	ation Contract, and any addendur as identified in the Notice of Int the 6th day of July	, 20 11
	ered by this Surety Bond are the	
	and described in the above Notice	
Reclamation Plan if re	quired, subject to terms and cond	ditions of the Reclamation
Contract.		

The condition of this obligation is that if the Division determines that Principal has satisfactorily reclaimed the disturbed lands in accordance with the Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice and has faithfully performed all requirements of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, and

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complied with the Rules and Regulations adopted in accordance therewith, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect. Failure of the Principal to fulfill the obligations specified by the Mined Land Reclamation Act and the Rules adopted there under, and in accordance with the specification of the Principal's Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice, may result in forfeiture of this bond in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations.

If the Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice provides for periodic partial reclamation of the lands affected, and if the lands are reclaimed in accordance with such Plan or Notice, Act and regulations, then Principal may apply for a reduction in the amount of this Surety Bond. In the converse, if the Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice provides for a gradual increase in the lands affected or the extent of disturbance, then, the Division may require that the amount of this Surety Bond be increased, with the written approval of the Surety. The amount of reclamation surety may also be adjusted as a result of a periodic review by the Division, which shall take into account inflation/deflation based upon an acceptable Costs Index, or at the request of the operator.

This bond may be canceled by Surety after ninety (90) days following receipt by the Division and Principal of written notice of such cancellation. Written notice to the Division and Principal as required by this paragraph shall be provided by certified mail or by a courier service that provides proof of delivery by signature of the recipient. Surety's liability shall then, at the expiration of said ninety (90) days, cease and terminate except that Surety will remain fully liable for all reclamation obligations of the Principal incurred prior to the date of termination.

Principal and Surety and their successors and assigns agree to guarantee said obligation and to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Division from any and all expenses (including attorney fees) which the Division may sustain in the collection of sums due hereunder.

Surety will give prompt notice to Principal and to the Division of the filing of any petition or the commencement of any proceeding relating to the bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or adjustment of the debts of Surety, or alleging any violation or regulatory requirements which could result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's license to do business.

Surety is licensed to do business in Utah and is rated by A. M. Best as A- or better or rated as having Financial Performance Rating (FPR) of 8 or better, and is listed in the U. S. Department of Treasury's Circular "570." Upon incapacity of the Surety by reason of bankruptcy, insolvency, or suspension or revocation of its license, or upon failure to maintain the A. M. Best or FPR rating and listing on Circular "570", Principal shall be without adequate bond coverage as required by the Division and shall have 120 days after notice to replace the bond with other bonds acceptable to the Division. If the Principal does not replace this surety bond as required, the Division may order cessation of mining operations and commence actions to enforce its rights against the Surety. The Surety's liability shall continue and the Surety will remain fully liable for all reclamation obligations of the Principal incurred until this surety bond is forfeited, or the conditions of this obligation have been satisfied.

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S/021/0032
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and Surety hereunto set their signatures and seals as of the dates set forth below.

Bryce Christensen Excavating, Inc	
Principal (Permittee)	
Bryce J. Christensen, President	
By (Name and Title typed):	
Bure Ch	July 6th, 2011
Signature 0	Date
Lexon Insurance Company Surety Company Name	10607 N. Hayden Road, Suite F-101 Street Address
Michele D. Lacrosse	Scottsdale, AZ 85260
Surety Company Officer	City, State, Zip
Attorney In Fact	480-949-6871
Title/Position (	Phone Number
N. 400108881	July 6th, 2011
Signature	Date

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SO AGREED this  $27^{\frac{14}{5}}$  day of July, 20 //.

AND APPROVED AS TO FORM AND AMOUNT OF SURETY:

John R. Baza, Director
Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

\*NOTE: Where one signs by virtue of Power of Attorney for a Surety, such Power of Attorney must be filed with this bond. If the Operator is a corporation, the bond shall be executed by its duly authorized officer.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION

Attorney In Fact	who being by me duly sworn did say that he/she, the said is the Attorney In Fact of
Lexon Insurance Company	and duly acknowledged that said instrument was signed on behal
	f its bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and said
	uly acknowledged to me that said company executed the same, and the
	ecute and deliver the foregoing obligations; that said Surety is authorized in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to becoming
sole surety upon bonds, underta	
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	Signed: 1.0 UCLUSE
	Surety Officer
	Title: Attorney In Fact
STATE OF Arizona	
	) ss:
COUNTY OF Maricopa	
Subscribed and sworn to before	e me this 6th day of July , 20 11.
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SUMMER A BETTING NOTARY PUBLIC - ARIZONA	Summer of Sotting
MADICODA COLINTY	Notary Public
MARICUPA COUNTY 6	Notary Public
My Commission Expires February 12, 2012	Residing at: 6644 E. Omega Street, Mesa, AZ 85215

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